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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 69  
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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Coach George Quarles and the Maryville High School football team on winning the first Blue Cross Bowl and the 2000 Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class 4A State Championship.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is very proud to specially recognize exceptional athletic teams which work hard, excel at their sport and bring deserved praise to their school and community; and

WHEREAS, the 2000 Maryville High School football team is a prime example of one such outstanding team; and

WHEREAS, despite snow and frigid conditions, the Rebels shocked Memphis East by an impressive 33-14 margin to win the first Blue Cross Bowl and the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class 4A State Championship; and

WHEREAS, the win culminated a season in which this fiercely determined team became the first TSSAA squad to ever lose its first four games and go on to win the coveted state title; and

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WHEREAS, during the regular season, Maryville came on strong to beat six good teams, William Blount 12-7, South-Doyle 31-12, Knoxville West 40-15, Powell 24-19, Anderson County 21-7, and Clinton 38-7; and

WHEREAS, in earlier playoff games, the Rebels overwhelmed Hixson 24-21, Knoxville Halls 21-3, Rhea County 21-6, and Greeneville 28-12; and

WHEREAS, the hard fought Blue Cross Bowl triumph came as a result of electrifying scores by sophomore tailback T. J. Brock, on a six-yard run; senior quarterback/receiver/safety Scott Wilks, on a five-yard run; senior Kyle Harris, on a 94-yard interception; Nick Giles, on a 1-yard run; and Brock, dramatically diving in from the 1-yard line; and

WHEREAS, T. J. Brock, who finished the game with 183 yards rushing on thirty carries, was chosen Offensive Player of the Game; and

WHEREAS, their awesome offensive effort was matched by a stingy defense which limited Memphis East quarterback LaDarius Price, who had previously been their main weapon, to minus 14 yards rushing and to only 62 yards passing; and

WHEREAS, Maryville completed this storybook season with an excellent 11-4 record; and

WHEREAS, highly regarded Coach George Quarles, in just his second season as the head coach, and his expert staff, Assistant Coaches David Ellis, Jim Gaylor, Mark Humphrey, Joe Robinson, Wayne Thompson, and Mark White; carefully and successfully prepared the team for the rigors of playoff action; and

WHEREAS, the squad included seniors, Scott Wilks, Chad Wells, Rhett Pearson, Michael Greenfield, Brandon Carper, Drew Brakebill, Kyle Harris, Aaron Bowling, Travis Greaves, Josh Ray, Wes Murphy, Ben Goss, Chris O'Donnell; Jason Pisani, Chase Anderson, Matt Harris, and Josh Mitchell, juniors, Morgan Hurst, Andrew Bauman, Harrison Woodard, Nick Giles, Phil Bell, Aaron Householder, Adam Henry, Ben Silcox, Colton Baker, Marquiel Baker, Logan Duckett, Brandon Ray, Ty Brock, Andy Bailes, Tyler West, Chris Gowan, Chris Cromwell,

and Andrew Heinrich; sophomores, T. J. Brock, Drew Galyon, Brad Merritt, Drew Teague, Junichi Nakane, Jason Emert, Nathan Brown, Jacob Holt, Brent Pesterfield, Carl Stewart, Antonio Young, Chris Martin, Lucas Tipton, Russell Clement, Chip Thomason, James Killebrew, Matt Oliver, Derek Rang, Brandon Waters, Aaron Robbins, John Raulston, Chris Savell, Isaac Cline, Cody Gibson, Andrew Eubanks, James Fischer, Jordan Travis, Cole McKinney, Tim Roe, Wes Gomes, Jeremy Killebrew, and Jacob Stout; and freshmen, Alex Rouse, Benny Fuller, Eric Anderson, Brad Headrick, Chris McCord, Larry Hannan, Jacob Hicks, Stephen Pacifico, Brown Watson, Chris Winkle, Brent Miller, Chase Sanders, Adam Humphrey, Bill Burns, Hunter Millwood, B. J. Telfer, Ryan Headrick, Thomas West, Brandon McDonald, Alan Pillpovic, Dusty Bray, Kenneth Click, Dustin Harris, Jonathan Stillwell, Ben Waters, Andrew Hodges, and Kaleb White; each of whom made a significant contribution to the success of the team; and

WHEREAS, Principal David Messer and Athletic Director Jerry Thompson have been very supportive of the team this season; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should pause in our deliberations to recognize the staff and members of this outstanding team for their remarkable accomplishments on the gridiron and for the fine example they set for others in their community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Coach George Quarles and the 2000 Maryville High School football team on winning the first Blue Cross Bowl and the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class 4A state championship, and wish them much continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation, to the school and to each person named above with this final clause omitted from such copies.

